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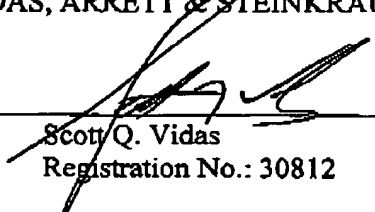
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In a paper dated July 27, 2006 the Examiner stated that our reply filed on May 4, 2006 was not fully responsive to a prior Office Action. The Examiner apparently assumed that the response filed May 4, 2006 was in reply to the Office Action dated October 19, 2005. Walter Steinkraus of our office spoke with the Examiner and was advised that the six month date had expired to respond to the October 19, 2005 Office Action. He pointed out that the May 4, 2006 reply was a timely response to the April 5, 2006 Office Action which had set a one month reply date.

The undersigned discussed this prosecution with the Examiner. Her belief was that the May 4, 2006 reply was simply a re-dated version of our response of January 19, 2006. I explained that it was not and sent a fax on August 10, 2006 marked up to show the differences between our prior response which clearly showed that we were responding to the April 5, 2006 Office Action.

The undersigned conferred several times with the Examiner to determine if the marked up copy of the May 4, 2006 response was deemed fully responsive. I was told orally that it was not and that the prosecution would continue but the interference

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would no longer continue. It was noted that a patent may issue on this application in addition to the outstanding patent for which this interference was sought.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the apparent oral decision to terminate the interference and requests that any decision be in writing and with specificity such that Applicant may petition or appeal with particularity.

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